

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Background of the Study**

Language is very important for human life to connect or communicate among people to express their idea, thought, opinions, and experience in both oral and written forms. In this globalization era, there will be more development in this country, starting from free trade, more foreign companies stand in Indonesia so that the use of international languages like English has been very widespread. The prospective entrepreneurs and job seekers must be able to master English to keep abreast of the times in the new globalization.

Due to its important role, it is reasonable that English as a foreign language is taught as a compulsory subject starting from the elementary school to the university level.

To learn English maximally, students have to master the four language skills, namely, listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In the context of teaching and learning English in Indonesia, both teachers and students often face challenges since English is not the first language used by Indonesian. In this situation teacher's role in teaching English is important. Teachers should try to improve their abilities and knowledge. Besides, the teacher should be able to explain the material briefly, clearly, and correctly, so that the teaching-learning process can run well.

Some teachers may not be aware that the student's problem during the learning process comes from the teachers who do not teach in a fun way. English teacher plays an important role to succeed in the teaching-learning process and should be able to use the teaching media and master their teaching skills so that the teaching is interesting. The teacher should find the teaching

method and suitable media if the teaching-learning process is not going well. The chosen teaching media and method can affect the students learning processes besides the effect of the student's background knowledge.

Dealing with the teaching media, teachers should be able to adapt to the rapid changing of technology. It becomes challenges on English language teachers to master the technology to give a new style of teaching. The English teacher can use a gadget as a tool to deliver information or materials to the students. To connect the teacher and the students in the teaching-learning situation it needs the internet and social media so they can be connected. The social media or online media that can be used by teachers are *WhatsApp*, *Facebook*, *Instagram*, *Twitter*, *YouTube*, and so on. Based on that example of online media, the teacher and students can express or share their ideas through video, call, or text ways. The media enables teachers to conduct distance learning. It is suitable to be applied during the Corona Virus outbreak.

The widespread of the Corona Virus Diseases 2019 (Covid-19) forced most people in Indonesia to stay at home. The virus spread from one to another, the people may be infected from the carrier, so most people should stop their movement. It takes a serious effect on the educational program in Indonesia. The educational situation in Indonesia nowadays become different from the usual. It causes the system of education changes to be online teaching-learning. The classroom activity conducted online. This situation also forces the teachers to use the teaching online media that is not usually applied in Indonesia. It causes new challenges on teaching online by all teachers in Indonesia for teaching purposes, especially for the English subject.

Teaching online depends on the internet connection that connects students and teachers. This teaching online helps our educational aspect in this current pandemic. Many platforms of online media can be used to teaching online purposes, such as *WhatsApp*, *YouTube*, *Google Classroom*, *Schoology*. However, there are many problems found such as the devices or internet

connection, even the teachers still not get used to these devices. The teaching online in this current situation hopefully can succeed the educational purposes in Indonesia.

English is one of the required programs that develop student's skills, especially at SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan. There is a possibility that some students at SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan are poor in English since it is a foreign language for them. The English language teachers at SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan are expected to master the English language to face their better future.

This study is describing the challenges faced by the teachers in a qualitative form. From the background of the study above, the researcher is interested in researching and describing the challenges faced by the English teacher in teaching English subject in the online ways at SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan entitled **“CHALLENGES ON TEACHING ONLINE ENGLISH SUBJECT IN SMK NEGERI 1 NAWANGAN”**.

## **B. Research Problem**

Based on the background of the study, the research problems are stated as follows.

1. What are the challenges on teaching online English subject faced by the teachers in SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan?
2. How do the teachers face the challenges on teaching online English subject in SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan?

### **C. Objective of the Study**

The study is aimed at:

1. identifying the challenges on teaching online English subject in SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan,
2. describing the strategies of the teachers to face the challenges on teaching online English subject in SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan.

### **D. Significance of the Study**

The research result hopefully gives the benefit to the readers, the English teacher, and the school.

1. For readers

This research result hopefully is expected to give information about the challenges on teaching online and the English teacher in SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan who face the challenges on teaching online English subject.

2. For teachers

The result of this study is hopefully useful for the teacher to improve teaching ways and teaching media used to successfully the teaching-learning process.

3. For school

This study is expected to inspire other teachers at SMK Negeri 1 Nawangan to use the online ways for teaching especially for English subject. Besides, it is hopefully can improve the teacher and student's quality and get the teaching-learning in the proper way